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I believe that the lawsuit against Microsoft by Joel Klein and the Clinton Administration has been a complete waste of time and taxpayers money. Microsoft made computing possible for the individual and small businesses at a reasonable cost. The consumer has benefitted from Microsoft products. Attached is my letter to Mr. Ashcroft requesting that this lawsuit be settled under the terms agreed on between the Department of Justice and Microsoft.

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Attorney General John Ashcroft
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

The antitrust lawsuit brought against Microsoft was unjustified and flawed. The dispute in my opinion arose due to competitors' envy for their own lack of innovation and creativity. Microsoft has been the leading innovator of technology for over a decade. In the 80's when we lagged behind Japan in many industries, Microsoft developed a product that streamlined and made more effective many of our businesses. The company I worked for is a perfect example as it was able to use Microsoft software for its businesses.

The terms of the settlement are harsh and seem to reflect the intense lobbying of Microsoft's competitors. Forcing Microsoft to give up internal interfaces and protocols, making them agree not to retaliate against other vendors, stipulating that they must grant computer makers broad new rights to configure Windows so as to make it easier for non-Microsoft products to be prompted, the settlement also reflects lawmakers and politicians lack of concern for the public. This settlement only aims at giving competition an edge they did not have and could not attain on their own.

Even though I think the settlement is unfair, I must support it because the alternative of further litigation would be too much for our weak economy. I urge your office to take a firm stance against the opposition and stop any further disputes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

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